

**REMARKS**

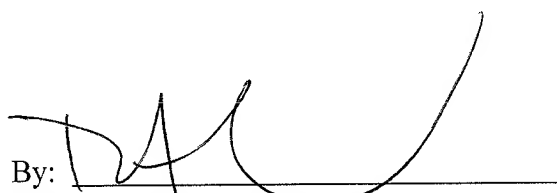
Applicant hereby elects the claims identified under Group II which allegedly includes the claims identified above. This election is made with traverse relative to the alleged restriction of the claims of Group I from the claims of Group II. Applicant submits that should the amended claims of Group II be allowed, then the claims of Group I should be examined insofar as the claims of Groups I and II are of sufficiently-related scope that a concurrent examination would be appropriate under the guidelines set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations and the MPEP and as acknowledged in the Office Action.

No rationale was used in an attempt to support this restriction and, thus, the restriction is without support and flawed. Moreover, the prior art searching between these claims would be the same (as opposed to being overly burdensome), the technical class is the same for both Groups I and II, and the alleged distinct utility merely repeats a limitation (as opposed to a separate utility). This type of restriction, if appropriate, could be applied to each and every dependent claim of any patent application, regardless of the subject matter set forth in the claims. Applicant submits that the restriction between the claims of Groups I and II should be withdrawn.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the present restriction requirement(s) for examination of all the claims.

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